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**Comment
of the
day**

**Royalty looks
at Hongkong**

PRINCESS Alexandra's comments earlier this week on Hongkong will be widely admired for their gracious fluency, as much as for their pointed and carefully-directed emphasis on the outstanding problems confronting us.

At the University congregation, the Princess said it was the Queen's "earnest hope" that the energy of the people will continue to be used "to promote welfare and social security in Hongkong." And later at the Chinese banquet on Tuesday... "It will need a long and arduous effort to make Hongkong a place where every family has a decent home, where every child can go to school, where every student can hope for a reasonable job, where every worker can be sure of a fair degree of security." (Our italics)

It is to be hoped that these words are carefully pondered. We have for years been told that our social welfare work is second to none. Yet achievements fall far short of needs. And in the field of social security, apart from the efforts of a few, our record is dismally poor. Yet with pride we proclaim industry's achievements.

PRIMARY education has made big strides and secondary lags badly and we must do much better in both fields in future. Assuring young people of decent jobs — and of guaranteed minimum wages, proper working conditions and reasonable hours—is a problem where only the surface has been lightly scratched. And at the rate the population is outpacing home construction, there seems little hope of ever providing decent homes for all. Lest complacency, half-heartedness or despair make those ideals which clamour for attention even more difficult to attain, may the Princess's words, and perhaps later her patronage of some worthy community enterprise, stimulate more devotion and enthusiasm amongst us all.

Commission's appeal for Princes to form govt LAOS BLOODSHED WARNING

**Hostilities may
break
out again**

Geneva, Nov. 10. The International Control Commission supervising the ceasefire in Laos has warned that "general hostilities" may break out in the troubled Southeast Asian kingdom unless the present tense situation there improves, it was learned today.

The Commission asked the British and Russian co-chairmen of the 14-nation Laos conference here to appeal to the three Princes who head the pro-Communist, pro-Western and neutralist factions in Laos to meet "without further delay" to form a government of national unity.

No doubt
Conference sources said the appeal was being discussed by the co-chairmen Mr Malcolm Macdonald of Britain, and Mr Georgi Pushkin of the Soviet Union.

A British spokesman commented that "there is no doubt that such an appeal to all three Princes would prove valuable." The Commission, in its report to the co-chairmen dated November 2, noted failure by the three Princes to meet again to form a government of national unity following their agreement last month that neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma should head such a government.

It added: "This delay in coming to a political settlement has increased tension, particularly as during this period the military situation has deteriorated."

Direct hit
The commission—composed of members from India, Canada and Poland—had received reports from a variety of sources indicating the worsening military situation with attacks and counter attacks in various sectors.

After referring to the incident at Xiang Khouang last month, where the room of a Polish member of the Commission received a direct hit and five children of a French Catholic mission were reportedly killed, the report said fighting in and around this area was continuing.

It added: "The Commission

MOLOTOV GOES TO MOSCOW

Vienna, Nov. 10. Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, former Soviet Foreign Minister, left Vienna tonight.

Mr Molotov, who is still officially listed as Soviet permanent delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, was accompanied by his wife.

Mr Molotov, recently deputed in Moscow for "anti-party" activities, visited the Soviet Embassy here twice today and, according to unconfirmed reports, had his passport cleared.

VOTOS FLEE
Berlin, Nov. 10. Two armed East Berlin border policemen fled to West Berlin in full uniform today, West Berlin police said.

They added that East German authorities today continued to evacuate houses and erect barbed wire barriers in East Berlin bordering the French sector.

Reuter.

**TODAY'S TIPS
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FIVE MEN AND A WOMAN ASK FOR ASYLUM

Sequel to abduction of Portuguese plane

Tangier, Nov. 10. Six armed Portuguese, including a woman, landed in a seized Portuguese airliner today and asked for political asylum.

Airport authorities here said later that the five men and one woman who had forced the liner to circle Lisbon this morning had been taken into custody by the Moroccan police.

After staying inside the aircraft for about an hour, the six decided to leave after being assured by a Moroccan police superintendent that they would get a safe conduct. They gave up their arms, including three automatic pistols.

The plane later left for Lisbon with its original crew and 18 passengers.

Captain Galvao
Captain Henrique Galvao of Santa Maria fame was at Tangier airport when the plane landed here. Accompanied by the Moroccan police superintendent, he persuaded the six Portuguese to leave the aircraft and give themselves up, according to a usually well informed source.

He later drove away in a police car which left Tangier airport with sirens screaming. Police said the group were being questioned at Tangier Police Headquarters.

When the plane landed the armed Portuguese had allowed the other 18 passengers to descend from the aircraft but remained aboard. They turned the pilot and liner to circle Lisbon this morning.

TYphoon Dot
Tokyo, Nov. 10. Typhoon Dot, a late season storm, was located 280 miles north of Guam at 8 pm today, moving west at 14 miles per hour. U.S. Air Force weathermen reported—AP.

Later she will move out onto the spacious lawns in front of the Governor's residence and mingle with the guests.

In the afternoon the Princess will go to Happy Valley and watch part of the race meeting.

On arrival at the Jockey Club the Princess will be received by the Chairman of Stewards, Mr D. Benson, and Sir Sik-kin Chau.

WIVES

The Princess will then meet other Stewards and their wives.

The big race of the day, the Kwangtung Handicap, will be run at 3 pm and the Princess will present the cup to the winning owner.

In the evening Princess Alexandra will attend a military tattoo at the Government Stadium where she will be guest of honour of the Commander British Forces, Lieut-General Sir Roderick McLeod.

The diplomat, talking by telephone to a Reuter reporter in Belgrade, said: "There is nothing extraordinary to be seen here when told of reported tension in Tirana.—Reuter.

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ATTEMPT MADE TO DRAG BURNING CHINESE SHIP

Union Reliance blocks channel in Houston

Ike pays call on Truman

Kansas City, Nov. 10. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower here in Missouri to launch a revived "People to People" peace move, decided today that friendship begins at home. He drove out to see Mr Harry Truman — and for the record at least they buried the hatchet.

The two former presidents publicly had spoken nothing more than a civil word to each other since 1952, and no more of those than were absolutely required.

Today Mr Eisenhower showed up at the Truman Library at nearby Independence, Missouri, stuck out his hand and said: "How do you do sir?" to the man he once considered had used unduly harsh words in Eisenhower's first presidential campaign.

Mr Truman returned his smile, shook his hand, and to the man he claims snubbed him as ex-president during Ike's eight years in the White House, he replied: "Won't you come in?"

Eisenhower did, and Truman gave him a guided tour round the place. UPI.

A salvage crew moved three tugs and a crane barge alongside the burning Chinese freighter Union Reliance today in an attempt to drag it from a mud bank and clear the Houston ship channel for traffic.

FOR PEACE IN LAOS, BERLIN

Lord Home urges 'give and take'

London, Nov. 10. Foreign Secretary Lord Home said tonight that a peaceful settlement can be reached in Laos and Berlin if there is "give and take" between Russia and the Western allies.

"We are ready to put war away and settle all disputes by negotiation," Lord Home said in a talk to a Conservative Party group.

He said Britain is ready to open all its defence installations to inspection "if the Russians will allow sufficient inspection to make a ban on nuclear tests effective and to start the first stages of general and complete disarmament."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ruins dating back to Augustus found

Volterra, Nov. 10. The ruins of one of Italy's largest and best preserved Roman theatres have been discovered near this ancient Etruscan town 35 miles south-west of Florence.

The theatre, with a capacity of about 5,000 spectators, was dated by archaeologists to the times of Augustus. It was buried for 16 or 17 centuries under a huge pile of debris, possibly the result of an earthquake, and entirely forgotten.

Excavations have been underway since 1950 but the size and importance of the ruins became apparent just recently. —UPI.

Rumour

Marseilles, Nov. 10. President Charles de Gaulle's four-day meet-the-people tour of Corsica and the Marseilles area ended today with a controversial report that he told some Parliamentarians he will resign when the Algerian problem is solved.

Jacques Narbonne, Chief of Staff to De Gaulle, denied the report.

Other Parliamentarians who were present were reported to have said De Gaulle told them he foresaw an end to the Algerian problem in about six months. —UPI.

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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



ABOVE: The Queen driving in her State coach to the House of Lords, where she made a thousand-word speech from the throne to open the third session of the present Parliament. The Queen wore a slim fitting white satin evening gown, embroidered with diamonds and gold.



RIGHT: Veronica Torcato of Bombay—"Miss India"—who arrived in London for the Miss World Contest, which carried a first prize of £2,500. Miss India, aged 25, is an airline sales assistant, and her family come from Goa. Her ambition — to travel and see the world.



ABOVE: Earl Russell and the Rev Michael Scott leaving the Russian Embassy in London after making a protest against the explosion by Russia of "the most powerful nuclear weapon ever tested." Earl Russell said to the Russian Charge d'Affaires Mr V. A. Loginov: "This disastrous competition, if persisted in, can only end in the extermination of both sides."

The protest was made on behalf of the anti-nuclear Committee of 100, and Mr Loginov talked with them for an hour, over British sherry, caviar, peanuts and Russian tea.

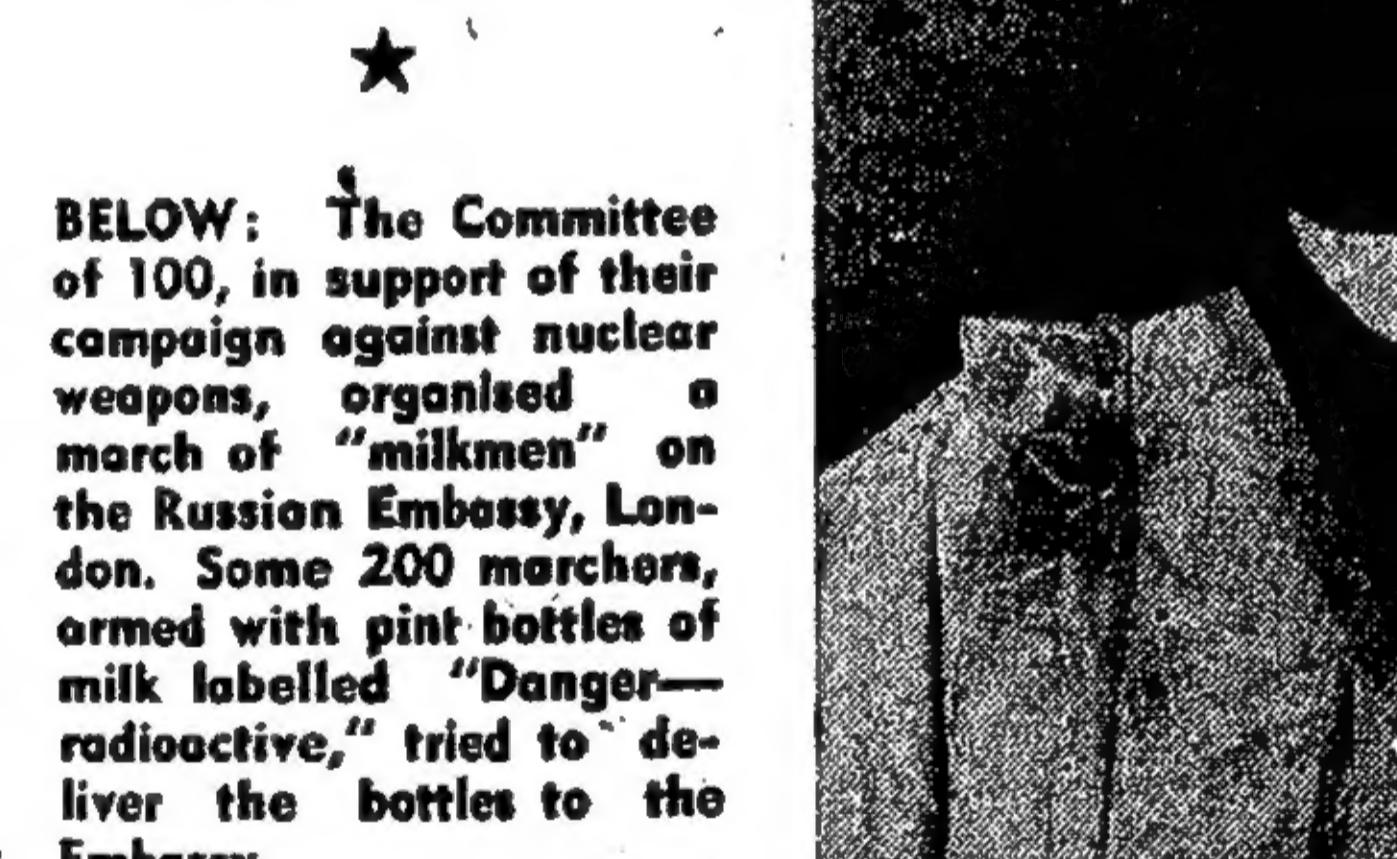


ABOVE: For the first time in known history, a trio of German warships sailed into a British port, on business—not just for a courtesy call, as they did before 1914.

They were the Federal Republic's two minesweepers, the Brummer and the Bieme, and the frigate Brommy. They took on in Liverpool water, oil and provisions overnight, before continuing on their exercise, in conjunction with the West German Sea Force. Picture shows their Commander, the Baron von Schlippenbach, an ex-U-boat commander.



ABOVE: Sir Stanley Rous was recently elected President of the International Soccer Federation (FIFA) at the Federation's meeting in Westminster, London. Here, he is seen talking to Miss Elaine Cremona, Secretary of the Luxembourg Football Association.



BELOW: The Committee of 100, in support of their campaign against nuclear weapons, organised a march of "milkmen" on the Russian Embassy, London. Some 200 marchers, armed with pint bottles of milk labelled "Danger—radioactive," tried to deliver the bottles to the Embassy.



ABOVE: It's THE COT—with a blue-for-a-boy bow tied on the wickerwork frame. A gift from the Earl of Snowdon's mother, the Countess of Rosse, it came from Dublin, where it was made by the Richmond Institute for the Blind. Lady Rosse had worked on the embroidery on the covers herself.

Police halted traffic to clear the way for the cot—seen here on the back seat of Tony's car.



ABOVE: Bernard Stanbury with his 24-year-old wife Sally, hunting on a globe for the "land of away from it all." He hopes to "establish a new co-operative self-supporting community on a tropical island comparatively safe from nuclear hazards." The only snag is the usual one—money. Each family would have to find between £1,000 and £2,000 to help equip the kingdom, which, if found, will be "an island on shipping routes where we will have just about everything the rest of the world has."

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LEFT: Mr Shehu Shegari, 37, Nigeria's Federal Minister of Establishments at Westminster, with Big Ben in the background. The young African Minister spoke at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in London.

BELLOW: Leopold Sanghor, French-trained poet, philosopher, and President of Senegal, with his French-born wife, in London. The President of the year-old African republic is on a four-day official visit. While the President is engaged on official business, his 37-year-old wife Colette will go shopping.



ABOVE: John Slater (left) and Brian Smith, described as two dangerous criminals who recently escaped from Broadmoor Institution, are pictured leaving Weybridge, Surrey, police station, on October 26, shortly after their recapture. They were caught by police and tracker dogs in a mansion on the Wentworth estate near Sunningdale.

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THE QUEEN OF THE SKIES

RUN RUN SHAW— THE STORY BEHIND THOSE SIX CADILLACS

THETRES are the forts of a film studio's empire. With this in view, the Shaw Organisation started an expansion programme two years ago—the fantastic project of building "one cinema a month" over a period of two years—to make their extensive cinema circuit even bigger.

Daily, half a million people pass through the box offices of 127 theatres throughout Southeast Asia to enrich the Shaw Brothers.

No wonder people say there is no business like show business and no brothers like the Shaw Brothers—sole owners of the biggest show-business empire in the whole of Asia.

The world of Shaws now revolves around the axis of Run Run Shaw in Hongkong and Runme Shaw in Singapore.

Except for the business links, the two are poles apart in character. Tall, slim, bushy and flamboyant, Run Run runs about in one of his six swift air-conditioned Cadillacs. Short, stubby, reserved and portly, Runme rides peacefully in one of his four seven-grey Rolls Royces—with plump, pull-up back seats for the convenience.

WIZARD

They have been buying mansions and bungalows—up to now the Shaws own 10 mansions and scores of bungalows used as guest houses scattered all over Southeast Asia.

The poles do come together, however, when Run Run, younger of the two, arrives monthly between two ports to discuss plans and thrash out problems with his brother.

While Runme is a financial wizard, Run Run is the business spearhead.

Though Run Run works his staff till all hours of the day and night, he commands fanatic loyalty.

He holds court at 2 am and insists upon knowing the details. When he gives a banquet, he works out everything himself down to the specific type of flower for the table layout.

HARD WAY

This thoroughness also marks the way he goes about the career. He spent years learning every phase of the film industry—cutting, camerawork, make-up, script-writing and directing. He knows what he is talking about when he discusses production or any other movie problem with his staff.

Born of a theatrical family, Run Run, like his three other brothers, has come up the hard way.



From cameraman to movie mogul—Run Run Shaw.

Shaw's rise to power paralleled the history of the Chinese movie industry.

In 1923, when their family fortune was at a low ebb, the Shaw brothers held an emergency conference in Shanghai to decide whether to sell the family theatre or the only house they had.

They decided to sell the house and live in the theatre.

ACCIDENT

Among themselves, the brothers arranged to present a play which was an immediate hit. All Shanghai came to see "Man from Shensi," a melodrama with a Robin Hood style hero.

It was the time when American silent films were making a debut in Shanghai by throwing pies and flaunting Charlie Chaplin. People queued for hours.

The brothers decided to invest in a movie camera. After a five-minute run-down by the salesman on how to operate the camera, the brothers went to see "Man from Shensi" by day and continued theatre performance by night.

It was also Run Run's home. He worked there by day and, by night, slept wedged between film cans and movie equipment. He had barely enough to buy himself a twice-daily bowl of noodles.

In 1932, plummeting tin and rubber prices in Malaya was putting almost everyone out of business. Movie theatres toppled one after another.

Run Run suggested importing foreign "talkies." The Shaws not only survived but thrived.

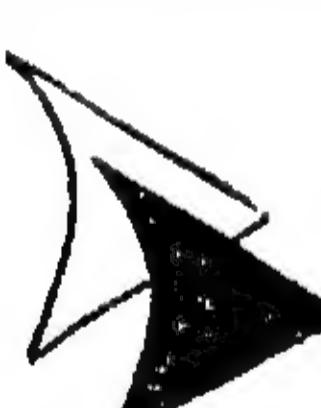
The first "talky machine" they imported was a portable and they commuted from one theatre to another "with both of us sleeping on either side of our magic money-making machine like faithful watchdogs."

Having successfully pioneered talcines in Malaya in the latter part of 1932, the Shaws went on to produce the first ever Chinese talkie, "White Golden Dragon" in Shaws' newly-opened Hongkong studios.

From then on Shaws and the Chinese cinemas grew proportionately.

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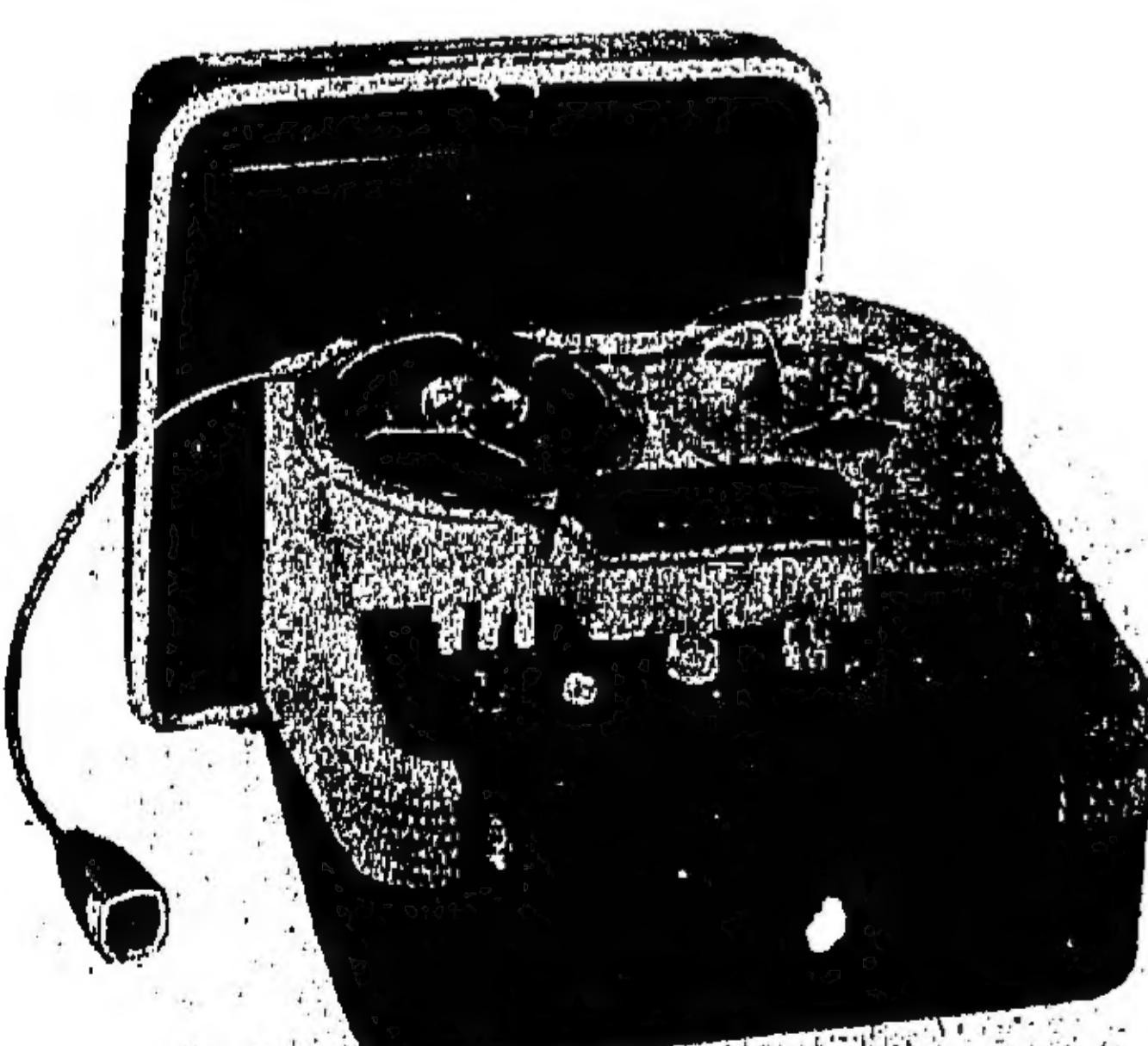
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Reportedly the first Chinese film, "Man from Shensi" set the golden eggs rolling into Shaws' bank account.

The film cost the brothers two thousand dollars and earned them hundreds of thousands.

With such a fantastic profit margin and a potential market of 500 million customers in sight, there seemed to be a golden mine for the budding film industry in China.

BLOW

But incessant wars, strife, and natural disasters made the lucrative market untenable.

The crowning blow was the rise of warlordism and private armies. These soldiers gatecrashed the theatres in their territories, nodding their heads as complimentary tickets, saw the shows and created scenes. And gradually audiences dwindled.

So in 1925, the Shaws looked south. Runme tucked three films



Newly completed and ultra modern Shaw House and Shaw's Lido Theatre in Singapore. The Lido is one of the 127 theatres the Shaws own throughout Southeast Asia.

Beginning a new series by staff writer DAVID LAN

TITANS FROM THE NORTH

into a fibre suitcase and went steerage to Singapore.

Having combed the Malay peninsula, Runme found to his consternation that there were no movie theatres whatever.

He scraped up enough capital to build four flimsy structures in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Ipoh.

The brothers made the accident a permanent part of the show.

It was the time when American silent films were making a debut in Shanghai by throwing pies and flaunting Charlie Chaplin. People queued for hours.

The brothers decided to invest in a movie camera. After a five-minute run-down by the salesman on how to operate the camera, the brothers went to see "Man from Shensi" by day and continued theatre performance by night.

It was also Run Run's home. He worked there by day and, by night, slept wedged between film cans and movie equipment. He had barely enough to buy himself a twice-daily bowl of noodles.

In 1932, plummeting tin and rubber prices in Malaya was putting almost everyone out of business. Movie theatres toppled one after another.

Run Run suggested importing foreign "talkies." The Shaws not only survived but thrived.

The first "talky machine" they imported was a portable and they commuted from one theatre to another "with both of us sleeping on either side of our magic money-making machine like faithful watchdogs."

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Shaw Chambers in Singapore. This is where the Shaw Brothers started out.

They bought up the only equipment available and were ready before anyone else by seizing control of the production and distribution sides of the industry.

Meanwhile, the Shaws reorganized themselves. Brother Run Ji refused to leave Shanghai where he remained with \$5 million of the company's assets; Run Di went into semi-retirement in the same old building where

executive desks to steer the course of the giant enterprise.

He spends his morning giving directives, reading mail which he begins on arriving to the same day.

In between, he receives directors, stars, producers and executives, and answers phone calls which are incessant.

His afternoons are taken up with script conferences on Thursdays, lasting for four hours at a stretch.

On other days of the week, the evenings are reserved for social engagements.

Any free afternoon he will disappear into his preview room or one of the cinemas to see rushes or films.

BATHHOUSE

As often as possible, he nips down to the studios to watch shooting.

If it is nine-to-five for him on Saturdays, on Sundays he rises later than usual and dresses fancier and then breakfasts out with his wife.

By 10 am, he arrives at Kowloon Tong Club to watch his staff play badminton, invites them to lunch and later drives all lady stars home.

A merger of East and West, Run Run still likes the Shanghai style bathhouse.

As there is none in Singapore, he often drives straight to a bathhouse in Hongkong from Kai Tak Airport when he returns from that city.

For his pleasure, a bathhouse has been planned in his villa beside his new studios in Clear Water Bay.

A man of great courage, he takes a long time to deliberate. Once he has made up his mind he will never change it.

His fortune: "We're enough for our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren..."

Busy as he is, Run Run is happy all the time, for he gets most pleasure from making movies and finding new stars for his film unit.

TARGET

And this is why he has built a US\$5,000,000 studio complex in Clear Water Bay and travelled to Hollywood and America late in 1960.

Since the start of Asian Film Festivals in 1954, Shaw Brothers have won 15 awards.

A non-smoker and teetotaler, Run Run uses his luxurious villa in Repulse Bay only for parties.

For efficiency, he has taken up a modest flat on the seventh floor of the 12-storey Shaw Building in downtown Kowloon.

On a typical day Run Run rises at 6 am. For 15 to 30 minutes, he remains undisturbed while going through the intricate movements of Chinese shadow boxing.

After the exercise, he plunges into story-reading. He has to wade through hundreds of screenplays to cope with his production schedule which now stands at 70 pictures a year.

DIRECTIVES

He reads newspapers at breakfast. By 8 am, he is down on the third floor to go around the main office.

At 9 am, he goes to his office to check on his day's work.

At 10 am, he goes to the studio to check on his day's work.

At 11 am, he goes to the studio to check on his day's work.

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from JEAN CAMPBELL

New York.
LEAPING on to the biggest band-wagon of the 1960s is that plump little wonder-woman Perle Mesta.

She has decided to leave Washington and move to New York, where she is going to dedicate herself to entertaining the African delegates of the United Nations.

Now, as we all know, Perle will have her rivals, for Africa is the darling of the International Ball.

However, her two most attentive suitors, the United States and the Soviet Union, make fine enough speeches of love, but not much whoopee.

Now the hostess with the mostest is going to change all that.

Something tells me that Perle is going to make a bigger and better dent on the dark Continent than the Peace Corps.

THE BALANCE

Ironically enough Perle's decision to entertain the Africans was like Canning's foreign policy, a matter of "calling a new world into existence to redress the balance of the old."

Ex-presidents Truman and Eisenhower, Bess and Mamie, these were her friends. She entertained them lavishly in her famous Washington home Les Ormes, but President Kennedy and his Jacqueline need not know Perle Mesta. She faced a dreary winter of disconnection.

'Mostest hostess' plans a comeback

SHE'S GOING TO WHOOP IT UP FOR THE AFRICANS

Suddenly, Nancy, Lady Astor's curt little comment had an unusual ring of accuracy: "She gives enormous parties that nobody's really anybody ought to go to." But women like Perle are made not of sugar and spice, but guts and gumption.

Although she describes herself as "just a widow with a small income, eatin' money," the social historians of our age will have it otherwise. She knows the loneliness in the heart of man and brings a little laughter to the night.

"Trish" Baldwin, Jacqueline Kennedy's friend and secretary worked there for many a year, and now the beautiful Kay Kay Kelly, has joined the firm. Kay Kay is rich, by our standards. She is one of the best

hostesses in New York. She is certainly one of the most popular young women.

To be foot loose flaneuse free and yet choose to work in a shop I would be tempted to put it down to the puritan heritage if Kay Kay were not a Roman Catholic.

This urge to work in New York is an interesting aspect in the life of rich young women here. I once asked a young girl friend of mine—who had inherited several million dollars—why she was working as a clerk in a department store. She grinned.

"There's nobody to talk to in the day time darling that's why."

Jolly

THAT very jolly English couple, Lord and Lady Melchett, are here bringing some of London's cosy

Holly wanted jewellery. Hers was the magpie mind. But, to my surprise, lots of American girls are fascinated by Tiffany's. They pine to work recently.

He told the President about a new project he had for a development in a satellite country.

But he complained that his father was always nagging at him saying: "Why do you have to do business with that damned

Ron Gardner went 18 times to Berlin and, although Germany was not knocked out of the war until a second spring had come, he remembers what they did to the city. "We never saw Berlin. That is, we never saw the streets. But what you could see through the cloud was the fire. It was like molten metal in a plumber's cauldron. A proper boil-up. At 20,000 feet you could sense the heat coming up at you."

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During his tour of 29 operational sorties there was for Gardner at the very least "collywobbles in the guts." But he tried to spare his family.

He averaged six days' leave every six weeks. For the first three days at home he would sleep almost continuously—perhaps as a reaction to the wakey-wakey pills we took when we got tired flying." For the last three days he would rarely refer to his work. His mother thought he was still being trained.

Then one day his mother had to be told.

Ironically it happened on their most successful raid. The docks at Stettin were the target. As crippled bombers streamed back across the North Sea, Gardner's Lancaster was diverted to Middleton, St George in Yorkshire. Their lot had taken a terrific beating and when we got down they just pushed us in a drying room to rest and forgot about them."

Len Young managed to save his crew. Without orders he climbed to 21,000 feet and eventually bombed "what we thought was Nuremberg." But more than 100 other crews were not so fortunate.

"It mostly happened during that first hour and a half," says Gardner. "Experienced pilots climbed out of the way, but a lot of others tried to get away when they saw the fighters at them. They pushed the throttles through the gate to make a dash for it. But their engines got so hot that the exhaust flame shields melted and—you could see them all over the sky—their engines were lit up like Christmas trees. The fighters just picked them off. Sometimes they went down slowly, sometimes their 4,000lb. cookie bomb was hit and they just went up."

His crew was posted missing and a letter he had written to Ethel, his fiancee, for such an occasion was sent on. "Ethel's kept it, but it's too personal for you to see." Then his mother had to be told.

That was his family's ordeal.

His own came a few weeks later. "It was real Lincolnshire weather, clamped down and raining. There was no chance

of an operation, we thought, I was thinking, 'OK, I'd go into Scunthorpe for the evening when we were called to turn around. There was a map of Europe on the wall and there was a line across it from Scunthorpe to straight across the sky. You see, when there was a full moon, I knew Ron would be there, then they did

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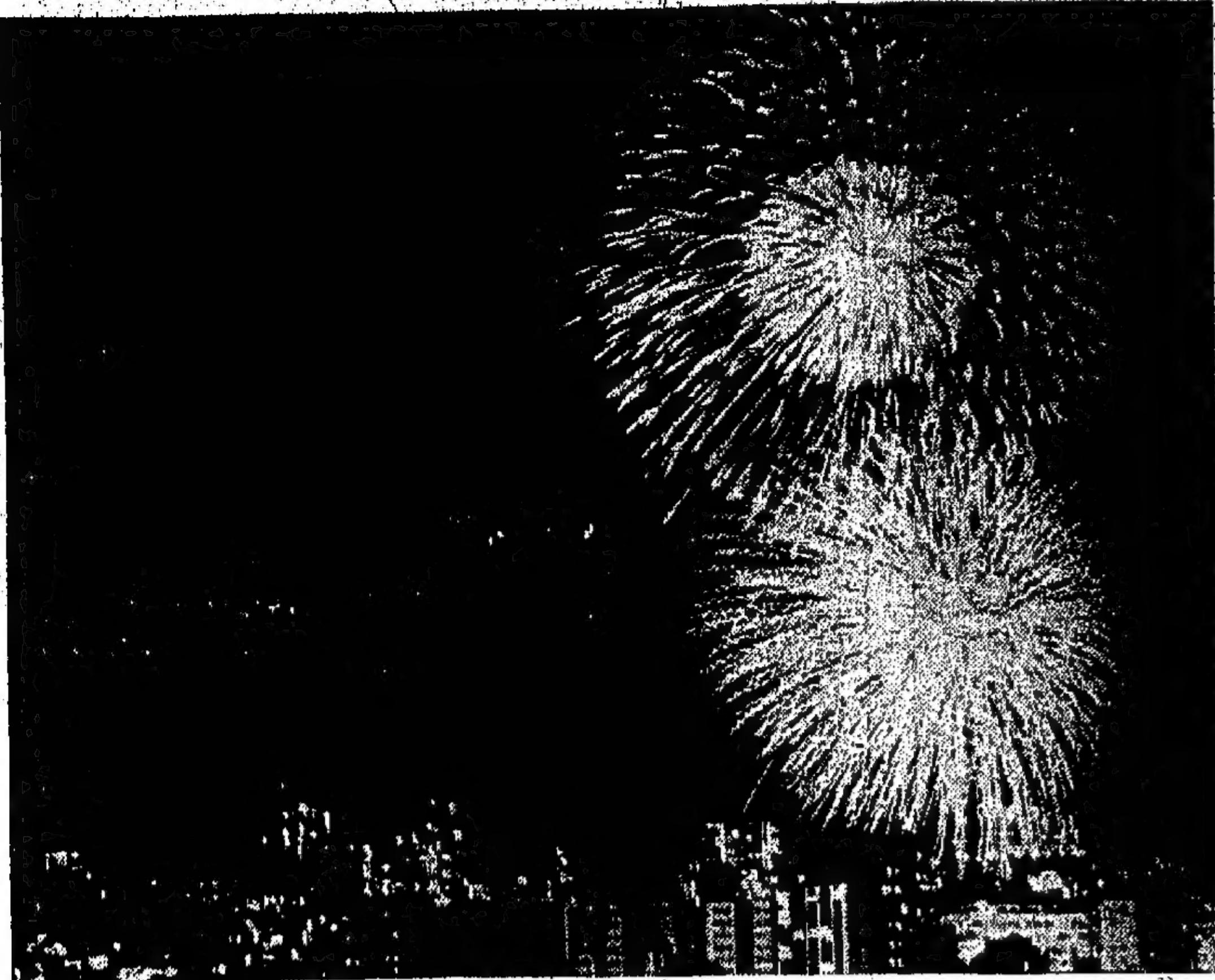
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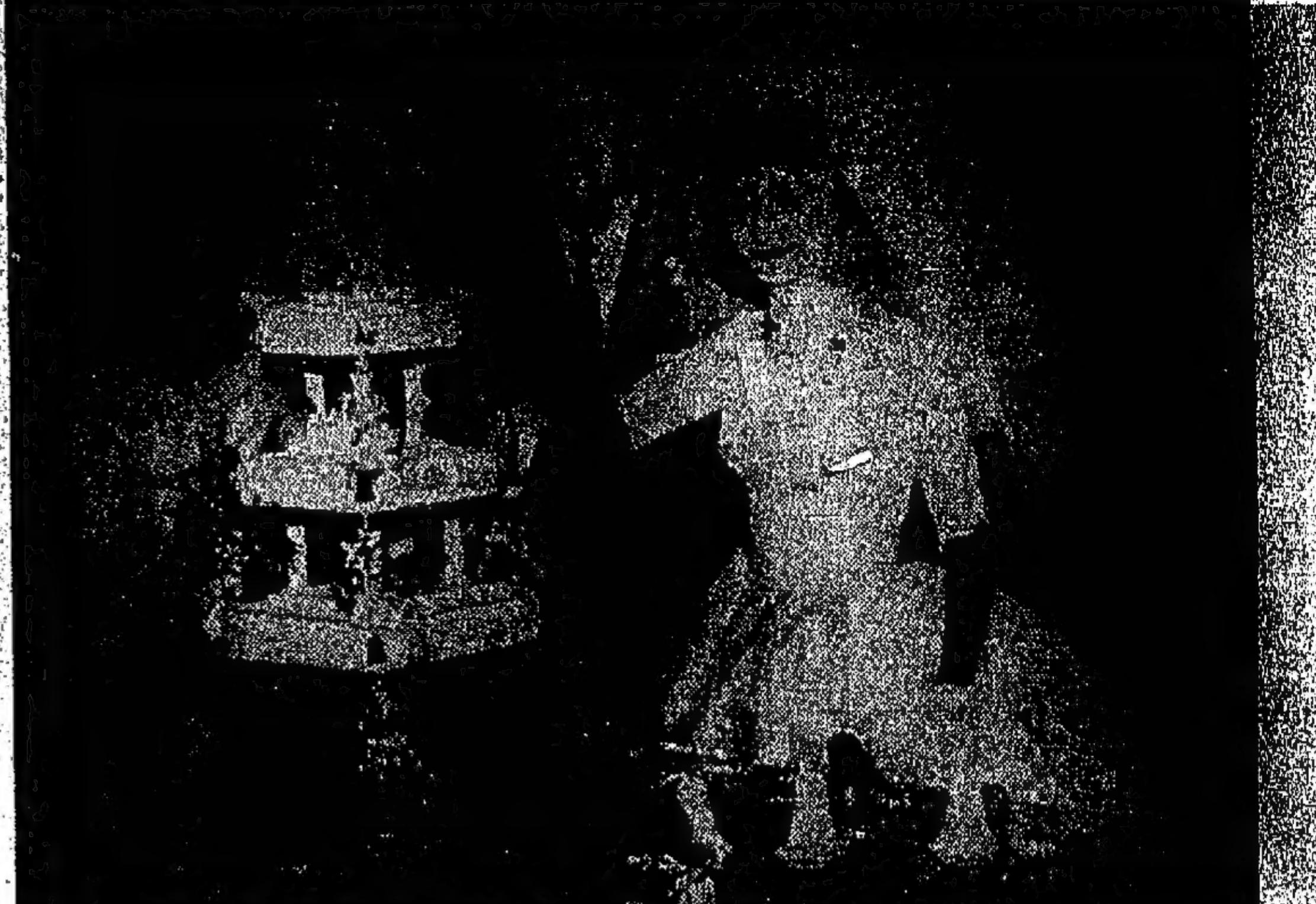
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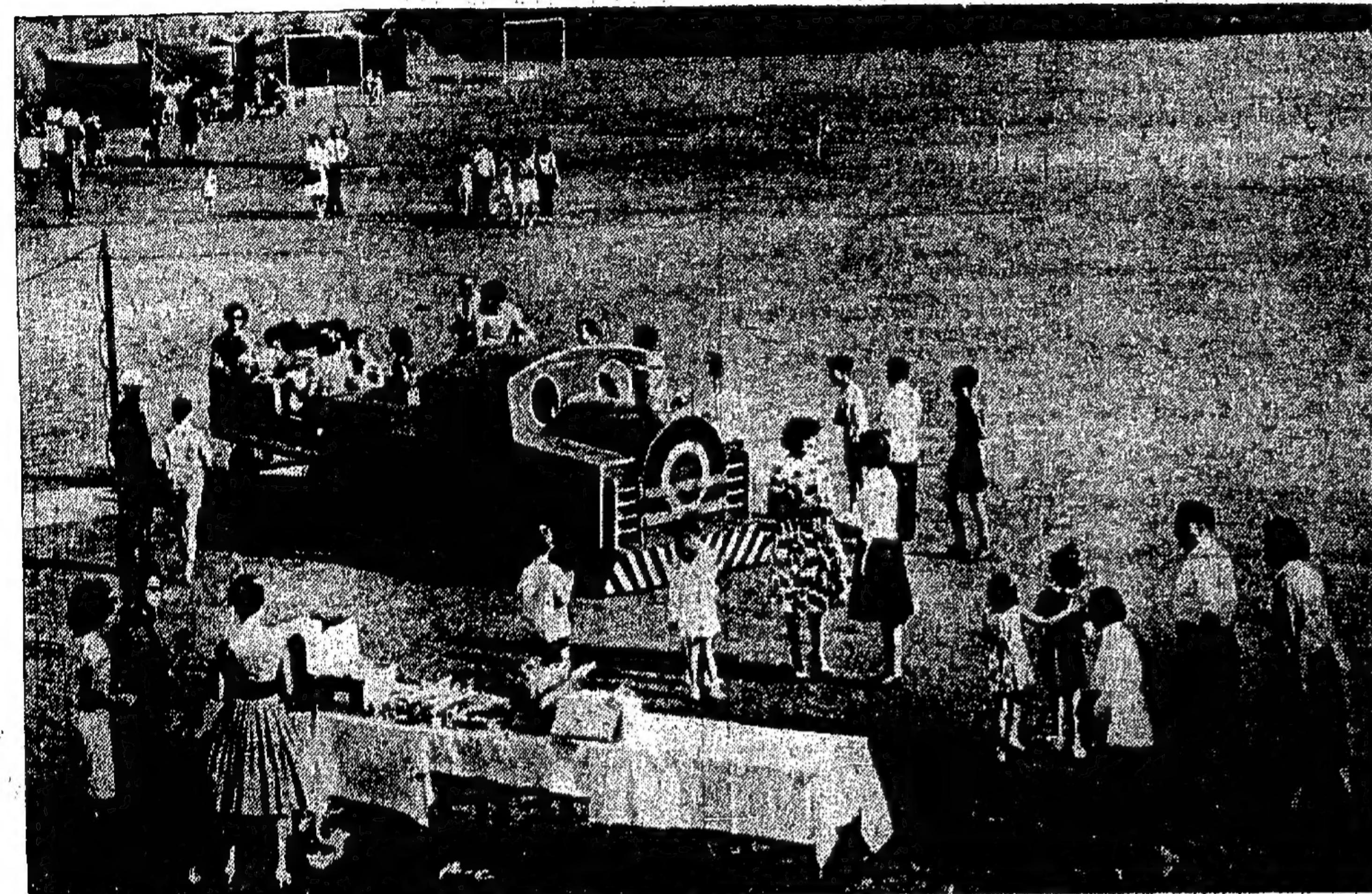
ABOVE: From left to right; Mr H. D. Guzdar and Mr William E. Babcock inspecting some of the exhibits at the Isbrandtsen Mobile Trade Fair on Monday.

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LEFT: Picture taken of some of the beautiful fireworks which delighted thousands of spectators on both sides of the harbour last Saturday night.



ABOVE: Mr and Mrs Roberto Alexandre Rozario cutting the cake during their wedding reception held last Saturday at the Club Lusitano. Their marriage took place earlier that morning at St Joseph's Church, Garden-road.



ABOVE: Youngsters enjoying a ride on the model train during the Kowloon Cricket Club Children's Fete.

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BELOW: From left to right; Mr F. L. Tchan, Mr Ho Fan, Dr K. H. Wu, Mr Cheung Yu-chiu and Dr Wu Hung-tak, judging colour prints and slides at the 16th Hongkong International Salon of Pictorial Photography.



ABOVE: Mr Wong Chun-loy presenting the annual report at the U.S.D. Chi Kit School Speech Day held recently.

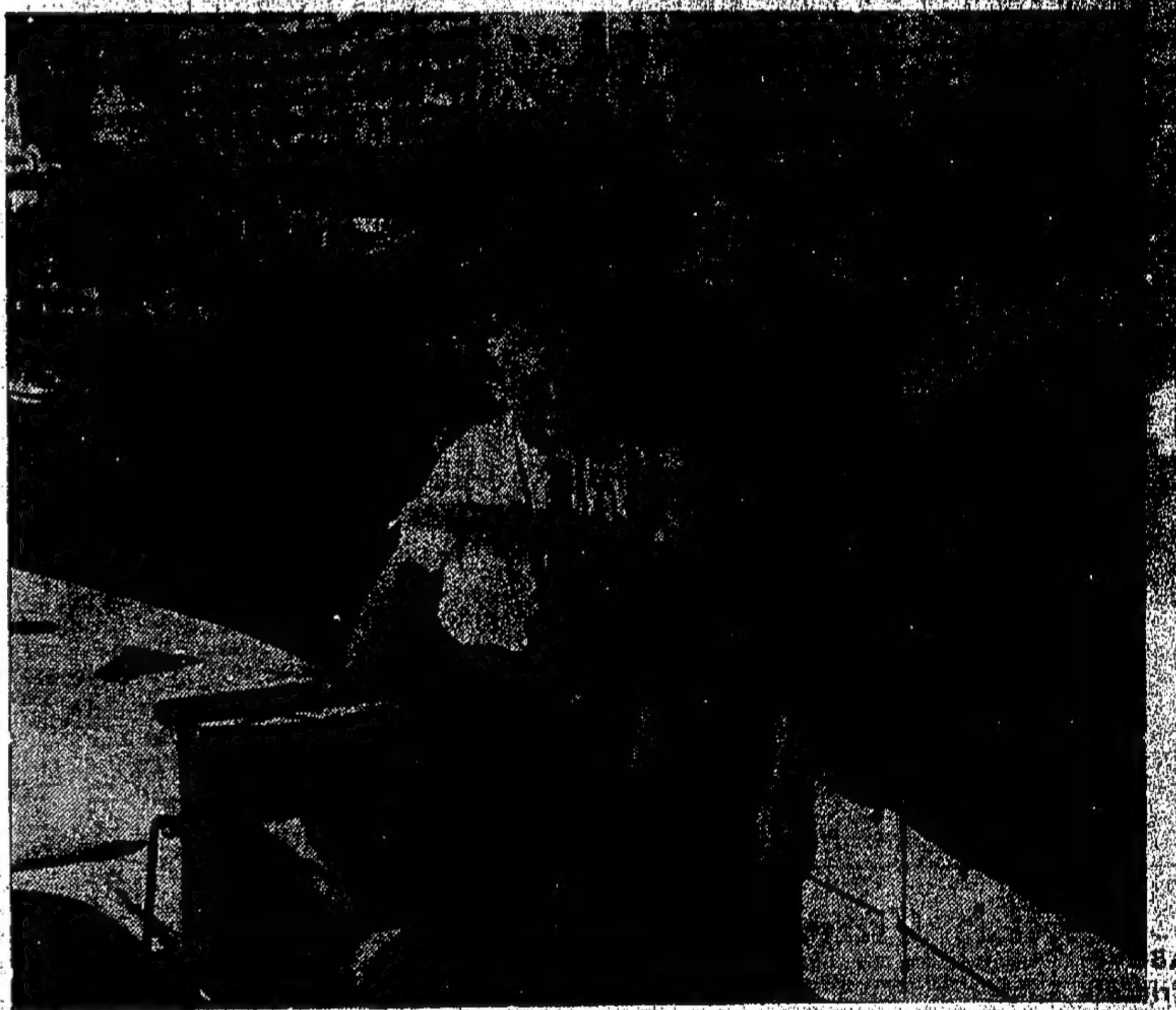
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ABOVE: With smiles all round, the sum of \$2,343.95 was presented to Mr John L. Rhodes, Chief of CARE, Hongkong, by the Rev Basil H. Struthers (left), Chaplain of the USS Piedmont, to aid needy families in Hongkong.

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RIGHT: Mr A. C. Kotchian, Group Vice-President of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, and Mrs Kotchian, pictured on board a luxury launch at Yaumati typhoon shelter during their visit to the Colony.



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ABOVE: Children parading in traditional costume.

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ABOVE: Having journeyed across the harbour in the Lady Maurine, Princess Alexandra of Kent is seen here walking up the steps of Queen's Pier with the Governor, Sir Robert Black, shortly after her arrival in the Colony.



ABOVE: This picture was taken in the garden of Government House and shows Princess Alexandra with Sir Robert Black.



ABOVE: A cheerful wave to the crowd from Princess Alexandra as she drove to St. John's Cathedral last Sunday morning to attend the morning service.



ABOVE: On Wednesday afternoon Princess Alexandra attended a Youth Festival at the Hongkong Football Club Stadium. At the end of the performance Princess Alexandra drove slowly around the Stadium ground and waved to the young participants and to the thousands of spectators who massed the stands.



ABOVE: In a pale pink organza dress and coat, Princess Alexandra is seen here with Mr L. T. Ride, Vice Chancellor of the University, during the garden party held last Tuesday in the grounds of University Lodge.



ABOVE: At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Nurses' Training School Princess Alexandra met nurses from various Government and private hospitals. Princess Alexandra, who has herself worked as a nurse in London, spent sometime talking with the nurses at the training school.

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EBULLIENCE, persistence, cunning, and a good loud voice — these, according to the numerous people I asked, are popularly supposed to be the predominant qualities in an auctioneer.

A recent pop record this public image of a breed called The Auctioneer has done nothing to diminish the volume flow of exuberant gibberish.

Cherry cake—

a new recipe

A REALLY rich cherry cake can be a great disappointment simply because the cherries, as soon as the heat gets to them, slip to the bottom.

One can make a cherry cake where the fruit will remain more or less in position but, generally, it is not as rich and moist as one would like.

Here is a recipe for a cake I made this week and the cherries did stay where they belonged. Cream together 4oz. each of butter and caster sugar and a pinch of salt. Sift 6oz. self-raising flour. Beat two large eggs, one at a time, into the creamed mixture, adding a good dessertspoon of the flour with each egg and beating the first well in before adding the next. (This will prevent the mixture separating).

**IF YOU WANT TO BE ONE UP
AT THE DINNER TABLE...**

SNOB'S GUIDE TO CHEESE

BY SHIRLEY LOWE

ONCE, a rather runny Camembert was enough to set the social seal on a dinner-party. But when they started selling it in tiny triangular portions the true cheese snob realised it was time to find something else. It's easy to get one of those unpronounceable cheeses with seeds inside and pips outside, but there's

always one man who turns it warily over with his knife and petulantly asks for Cheddar. The really subtle way to stun your guests is to serve a perfect English cheese, with the exquisitely right wine, the perfectly timed remark. Memorise the Snob's Guide to Cheese and you need never feel inadequate—as host or guest—with a cheese board again.

Add the remaining flour, two drops of almond essence and, finally, 2 to 3oz. glace cherries, each cut into four pieces. (If the cherries are very moist, it helps to sprinkle them with a dessertspoon of flour an hour in advance and then shake off the surplus.) Actually, I did not flour mine.)

Turn the mixture into a buttered and floured tin. A 6in. one will do. Bake the cake for just under 10 minutes at 400 degrees Fahr., or gas mark 6, then lower the heat for 40 minutes to 375 degrees Fahr., or gas mark 5 or even a little lower if your oven tends to run hot. To test: Listen to the cake. If there is a faint hissing sound, bake for a further five minutes or so. If not, turn it out and leave it to cool out of draught.

When one is "at it," as it were, it is a good idea to make a larger batch of the plain creamed mixture—say, four times the amount—and make a selection of cakes from it.

Divide the batter into four portions. To one, add the cherries as above. Add 4oz. mixed dried fruit to another. To the third add half a teaspoon ground ginger and 2oz. chopped crystallised ginger and, to the fourth, add a dessertspoon of caraway seeds, if liked, or 2oz. chopped walnuts and 1oz. stoned dates, cut into pieces.

When the baked cakes are cold, wrap them in greaseproof paper and store them in a lidded tin. As the mixture is not strong enough, the cakes will keep well for about three weeks.

THE MAKE	FLAVOUR	THE WINE	WHAT TO SAY
CAERPHilly	Mild	Medium dry white wine. Hock Dry sherry	"Curiously enough most Caerphilly comes from the West Country these days."
RED & WHITE CHESHIRE	Mild and mellow	Light claret	"They've been making this stuff for seven centuries you know."
BLUe CHESHIRE	Rich and creamy	Tawny port Oloroso sherry	"Aha, some old blue. How clever of you to find it."
WENGEYDALE	Mild and slightly salty	Hock	"We can thank the Cistercian monks for this."
CHEDDAR	Mellow	Light claret Tawny port	"Personally I prefer it a little milder, naturally to bring out the essentially NUTTY flavour."
DOUBLE GLOUCESTER	Mellow and full	Full claret Red Burgundy	"Do you have any SINGLE Gloucester?"
WHITE STILTON	Mild	Ruby port	"I hope the wine isn't more than five weeks old."
BLUE STILTON	Rich and mellow	Tawny or vintage port Red Burgundy	"Have you any wholemeal bread?"
DERBY	Tangy	Ruby port	
LEICESTER	Medium Strong	Clairet Madeira	"The wine isn't quite DRY enough for us."
LANCASHIRE	Mild	Light dry red wine Dry sherry Dry port	"Please don't introduce a LITTLE more SALT, I wonder."
DORSET BLUE VINNY	Rich and purulent	Tawny port	"I've always been rather fond of SAUCE Lancashire."

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bringing you news of the people who once made headlines.

THE VICAR WHO HID IN THE BOOT OF A CAR

THE silver-haired country gentleman was perfectly willing to talk. About chickens. About Leghorns. About how to make a profit from them. About everything but the past.

Which is a pity. For not even the keenest of chicken breeders would deny that the past of Mr Philip St John Wilson Ross is a lot more fascinating than his present.

His story is one that could have sprung straight from the pages of a novel—except that some pedantic critic would almost certainly have condemned the plot as "far-fetched."

He comforted the widow

Perhaps recollection will come easier to you if I address Mr Ross as he is no longer entitled to be addressed as "the Rev Philip Ross."

by LLEW GARDNER

You remember now?

Mr Ross was vicar of Woodford in Cheshire until his unfortunate "death" in a swimming accident in 1955.

But the story begins earlier than that. In 1953 the vicar of Woodford called to comfort the bereaved widow of one of his flock.

She was Mrs Kathleen Ryall, a former London model. She was well off and, although by then middle-aged, a not unattractive woman. His visits to her home at Cheadle Hulme became more frequent. And she visited the vicar and his wife at their home.

People began to talk, but the visits went on. Then, on August 11, 1955, the vicar staged his fantastic runaway.

He was on a caravanning holiday with his wife and daughter in North Wales. He went for a swim at Hen's Mouth—and vanished. A pile of clothes seemed to be the only trace of him left.

There was no reason to suspect other than the obvious. The vicar of Woodford was dead.

His wife and daughter went into mourning. The parishioners were saddened. The gossiping tongues ceased to wag.

The High Court presumed the vicar dead. But it was very much alive.

His swim had taken him well out to sea, then he had returned to a point further along the coast. There he

dressed in a lounge suit and headed for London.

In London he was joined by Mrs Ryall. The great deception had begun.

Mrs Ryall sold her home in Cheshire and moved to London. When the couple went out together, the vicar, without his dog collar, sat at the wheel of Mrs Ryall's Jaguar.

When his health became poor and a doctor advised him to live in the country they moved

to a cottage in Buckinghamshire, where they were known as Mr and Mrs Davies.

But then, 14 months after the vicar's vanishing swim, rumours began to circulate that he was still alive.

At first they seemed incredible, but they gained in force. Finally, the rumours exploded into headlines.

The vicar and Mrs Ryall were traced—in Switzerland and then back to this country. Mrs Ryall, in a state of nervous collapse, entered a nursing home.

The elusive Mr Ross, however, was not to be found. Once again he had done his vanishing trick.

At long last, on November 19, 1956, he was found—hiding in the boot of a friend's car. Red-eyed from lack of sleep and worry, he told reporters: "I have had a good run. The game is up. It is finished."

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Flashback to 1956—Mr. Ross is found hiding in the boot of a friend's car

chickens at his home. The Orange, at East Bergholt, in Suffolk.

"How could any man not regret having to give up something that was part of his life for a great many years?"

Mr Ross is not divorced from the wife he left to wonder and worry. "There wouldn't be much point in that would than £10,000."

The past? "I have never talked about it. I do not see why I should talk about it now."

"After all, neither my wife nor I are planning to marry again. I see no need to start proceedings and I'm sure she wouldn't."

Return to his wife? Again there came the same flat reply: "There wouldn't be much point in that, would there?"

"Only one thing: you have to be careful; the birds don't get caught."

We paused while Mr Ross gazed with pride at one crowded hen-house: "There's your Christmas dinner in there," he said.

"Wonderful stuff this nylon net," he said. "Stop anything. No fox could get past it and we often find dead cats tied up in it."

"Look at that," he said. "People who think Suffolk is flat and uninteresting should come and look at this. It is one of the most beautiful views in the country."

I told Mr Ross. You sound like a happy man.

"I am," he answered. "I shall be happy to do this for the rest of my life."

As we shook hands I asked my last question: Do you still go to church?

He smiled and said: "No. It would be too embarrassing. Some people would lean over backwards to be tolerant; others would withdraw the hem of their garment."

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(London Express Service).

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GREAT ANIMAL STORIES

by JACK LONDON

Battle of the fangs and wisdom wins

IT was the she-wolf who had first caught the sound of men's voices and the whining of the sled dogs.

This pack lingered for several minutes, making sure of the sounds, and then it, too, sprang away on the trail made by the she-wolf.

Running at the forefront of the pack was a large grey wolf—one of its several leaders.

It was he who directed the pack's course, the heels of the she-wolf. It was he who snarled warningly at the younger members of the pack. And it was he who increased the pace when he sighted the she-wolf.

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of his desire he shouldered was rewarded. Then they came upon the moose.

This young wolf had attained his full size, and, considering the weak and famished condition of the pack, he possessed more than the average vigour and spirit. Nevertheless, he ran with his head even with the shoulder of his one-eyed elder.

When he ventured to run abreast of the older wolf (which was galdom), a snarl and a snap sent him back even with the shoulder again. Sometimes he dropped cautiously and slowly behind and edged in between the old leader and the she-wolf.

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It was a brief fight and fierce. The big bull they first found. Here was meat and life. It was a brief fight and fierce. The big bull was beset on every side. He ripped them open or split their skulls with shrewdly driven blows of his great hoofs. He stamped them into the snow under him in the wallowing struggle. But he was foredoomed, and he went down with the she-wolf tearing savagely at his throat.

The famine was over. The wolves were now in the country of game.

There came a day, in this land of plenty, when the wolf-pack split in half and went in different directions. The she-wolf, the young leader on her left, and the

As a tribute to an old friend from FRANKIE

Hit Parade
By **Mitch Meredith**

the year were break-ups of the Kingston Trio and the Platters.

There is a particular big storm blowing in America over the latter split and court action has resulted in the recording company holding the group.

The root trouble is that the Platters' lead singer—Tony Williams—has quit and is now branching out on his own as a solo artist. Sinatra's Reprise label promptly snatched him up, and here is Williams now with a series of hits he helped make famous with the Platters.

Today there are few free of minor musical subtleties, but the people in the world who need a "haven," heard of "The Voice," as he is known in show business circles. Sinatra has become a legend in his own lifetime, and at an age when most men are considering retirement, he is going at it full blast.

Many things have been said and written about this amazing man—not all of them complimentary. But one thing even his enemies acknowledge is that he is never forgets his friends.

Over 20 years ago a skinny, bumptious kid with cocker spaniel eyes was given a job as band singer with the great Tommy Dorsey organisation. His name: Frank Sinatra. On Reprise: R 1003.

On Reprise: R 6006.

Break-ups
—**Mark Mayne**

On his newest album for Random, he categorically states through the medium of music his friendship and appreciation for the man who helped propel him on the road to show business stardom. This is Frank's tribute to a great musician, and this album, and as the album title states, "Remember Tommy." When Frank joined Harry James in many ways he had a stint with James' orchestra. But there were many apparent weaknesses in his styling which Dorsey was quick to notice and more than by example than by actual instruction.

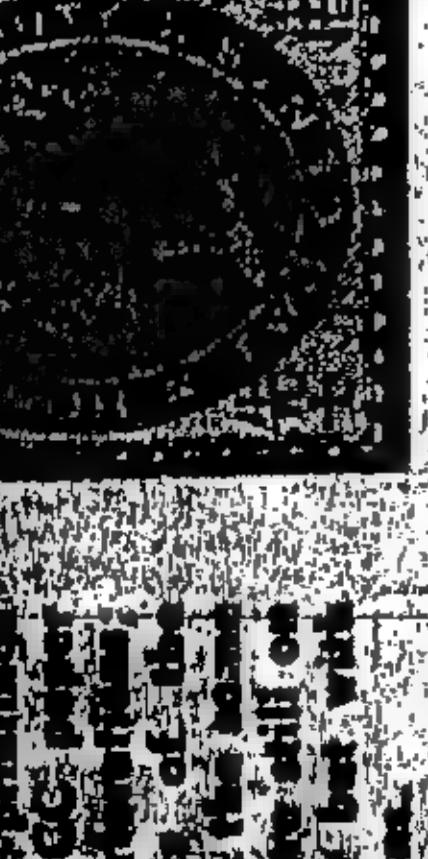
Dorsey the trombonist revealed to Sinatra the "tricks" of breath control, and phrasing, of which he was a master. Today Sinatra is recognized as a hard-driving artist, with impeccable phrasing—the second to none. No wonder then, that he remembers Tommy. In order to capture as much of that Dorsey feeling, as possible, Sinatra invited Sy Oliver to back him. Oliver was the key arranger in the Dorsey organisation. Together they combine to give us some of the best dance music of any era. Tommy Dorsey is thus

remembered as the "King of Swing."

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Patricia Lewis

The state of my marriage

... MAY BRITT TALKING

TO see them together is almost like playing gooseberry on a couple of young lovers.

I'm glad for both their sakes. Because when Sammy Davis Jun. came to London last August for a 10-week stay he arrived alone. And rumours began that all was not well with his marriage to Swedish actress May Britt.

May's arrival in London towards the end of Sammy's engagement soon showed that this controversial marriage is a great success.

There are private catch-phrases which render them both helpless with laughter.

There are shared memories communicated by a glance. There is not only tremendous warmth and affection in their mutual behaviour, but admiration, understanding, and fun.

A crowd

Sammy and May flew home to America three weeks ago but came back to London for the Royal Variety Show, in which



MAY BRITT DAVIS—THAT'S HOW SHE SIGNS HERSELF NOW

see places like Manchester and Liverpool."

She laughed, teeth whiter than ever without lipstick against the remnants of a Pacific Coast tan.

Sammy appeared, on November 6. It has been an exhausting time for both of them.

I went out to the airport to meet them. Sammy as usual was surrounded by a crowd of friends and associates, and when he Tony Newley, Leslie Bricusse, Lionel Blair, and Bernard Delfont began discussing a film project, May and I moved to another table.

"You know why I didn't want to give any interviews here?" she asked, and went on without pausing for me to answer.

"Because I have been so bored the past year with these endless questions about race.

"But I'm happy I came over. It was my first time outside London and it was interesting to

Many people thought that May Britt, film star, was finished when she became May Britt Davis—and this, incidentally, is how she signs her name.

But while in Britain she was teetering between going home or accepting a film in Spain.

"It meant 10 weeks there, so I would have had to bring over the baby and the nanny," she said, with a shrug.

"The problem was not so much Tracey will miss me how can she sit at three months? . . . but because I miss her so much."

"I just like being on the road, I guess. But I must say I long to see my baby now.

"Not because Tracey will miss me how can she sit at three months? . . . but because I miss her so much."

"Work? I haven't missed it, but I've been busy having the baby. And there have been no offers since . . . until the Spain thing."

"She looked across the airport restaurant at her husband who, sensing something, glanced up from his business conference and blew a kiss.

Mr Reed has that teenage feeling

HE has a huge head matted with long, heavy hair. His eyes are big and grey and brooding.

His mouth remains unamused for so long that whatever small stretch of neck exists between it and a pair of threatening shoulders sinks gradually from sight.

It is only, you feel, a question of the right moment before he bops you one.

As an actor Oliver Reed looks every solid inch the perfect casting if someone were to turn the story of Neolithic Man into a film.

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But as a pop singer he comes as a complete surprise.

Yet the most unsuitably named Mr Reed is, in his early twenties, a veteran villain from Hammer Films' Chamber of Horrors and with his first record, "Lonely For a Girl," a

quick-climbing success on the Hit Parade.

"You've got to know where your bread and butter comes from," he explained. "And it comes from the teenagers today."

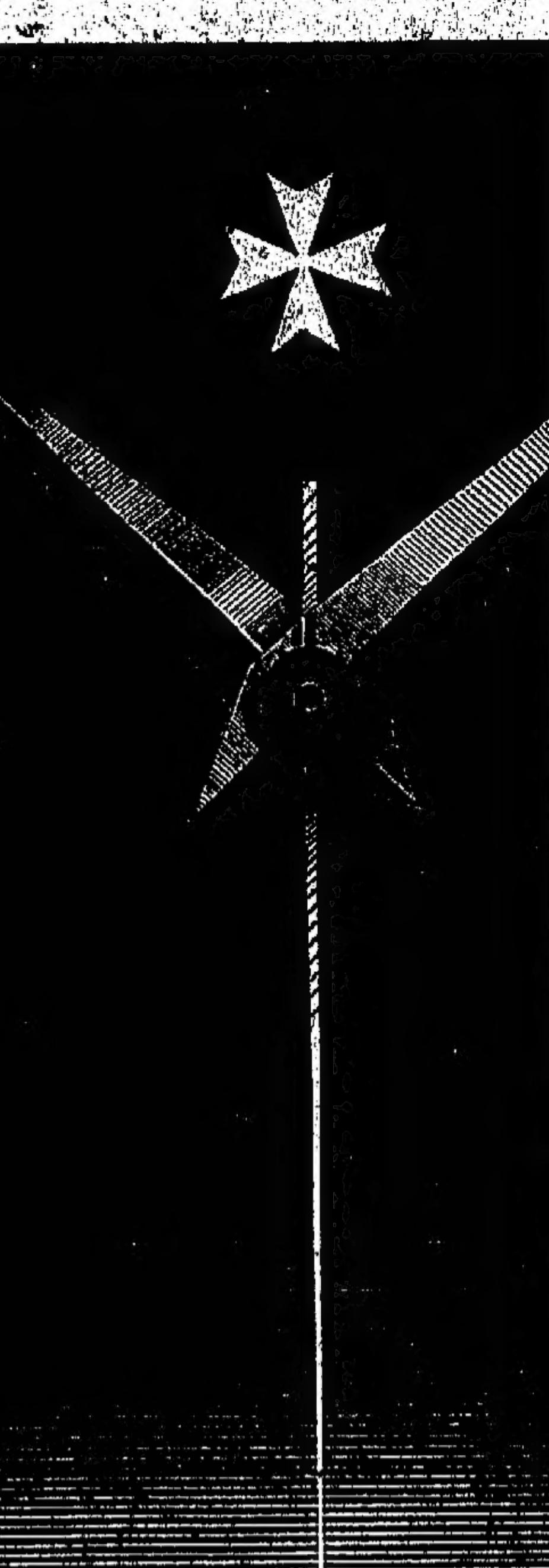
"My ambition is to walk out of Wimbledon Town Hall and have all the kids rip my clothes off for souvenirs—because it'll show I've arrived."

"When I sing the beat affects me more than the words and I feel a part of the teenagers and the way they act. It's real. And actors aren't real."

"They're a bore when they insist on living off a ham roll for their so-called 'art.'"

The well-spoken, well-born Mr Reed (his uncle is Sir Carol Reed) scowled as I started to laugh. I quickly coughed instead.

"If I can't make a living as an entertainer—and I don't mean just acting, but singing, dancing, throwing knives, the lot—then I'll accept and give up," he declared fervently.



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High cost of a Cossack

THE epic story of "Taras Bulba," sixteenth-century Cossack, will be filmed in the harsh-living gaucho region of the Argentine with Yul Brynner, Tony Curtis, and Sam Wanamaker making like the Steppes lead to their own front doors.

J. Lee Thompson ("The Guns of Navarone"), directing, explains the oddity of the location like this: "If you put a man on a horse in the United States it costs £20.

"If the horse has to gallop it's £65. Should the rider be required to fall off, the price goes up to £100, and if stunt riding is needed, it robbery to £250."

Since the film involves 3,000 horses, the budget for South America comes out at nearly half what it would have been north of the border.

(London Express Service)

DISTURBING—THIS NOVEL ABOUT A TOP TORY

NOW for another disturbing novel. It is THE MINISTER (Hamish Hamilton, 16s.) by Maurice Edelman, the suave, culture-loving and luxuriantly good-looking M.P. who represents the car-workers of Coventry North. Mr Edelman has himself made an intense study of British political novels.

To literary societies he has lectured in languorous tones about John Galt, who wrote *The Borough* (subject: political jobbery) in 1822, and about A. E. W. Mason, best-known for *The Four Feathers* but also the author of *The Turnstile* (based on Mason's own brief service as Liberal M.P. for Coventry).

Now, in *The Minister* I believe that Edelman has produced a novel which itself deserves a very high place indeed in the roll of political fiction.

It is certainly the novel which I have enjoyed most in 1961.

It tells how Melville, a Tory Minister, achieves the aim of every Tory Minister. He becomes Tory Minister. But his public triumph is hollow since he has simultaneously discovered that his plain but well-loved wife has also allowed herself to be well.

No, the disturbing thing about *The Minister* is that, far from being artificial, it too often rings frighteningly true.

No malice

For it portrays a Tory leader whose aim, above all, is to be free from any supposedly naive, old-fashioned notions about patriotism or Empire or national greatness. A leadership which thinks it other-civilised and cultured to be just a little weary and cynical about everything.

Socialist Edelman does not present this portrait with political malice. Indeed, it is clear that, despite his Coventry connections, the Melville attitude is his attitude too.

But I must draw attention to one rather odd element in this otherwise superbly written novel. In avoiding any appearance of Zenda preachment Edelman goes to the actual spymonger who actually becomes Tony back-bencher.

THE BOOKS YOU ARE READING

HERE based on reports from booksellers all over the country, is my list of the week's best sellers:

FICTION: A SEVERED HEAD by Iris Murdoch (Chatto and Windus, 16s.).

SATURN OVER THE WATER by J. B. Priestley (Hepherman, 16s.).

JASON by Henry Treece (Bodley Head, 16s.).

DECISION AT DELPHI by Helen MacInnes (Collins, 16s.).

NOT A CROOK

Clay is a crook but in the half-world of shady deals and secret rates into which he has been forced, he knows the score and is not above demanding a high percentage as reward from the Nawab, for recovery of his possessions, and of extorting his share at the point of a Beretta. If it comes to that . . .

THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT by John Steinbeck (Heinemann, 18s.).

NON-FICTION: EYE OF THE WIND by Peter Scott (Hodder and Stoughton, 12s.).

ANZIO by Wyndham Vaughan Thomas (Longmans, 30s.).

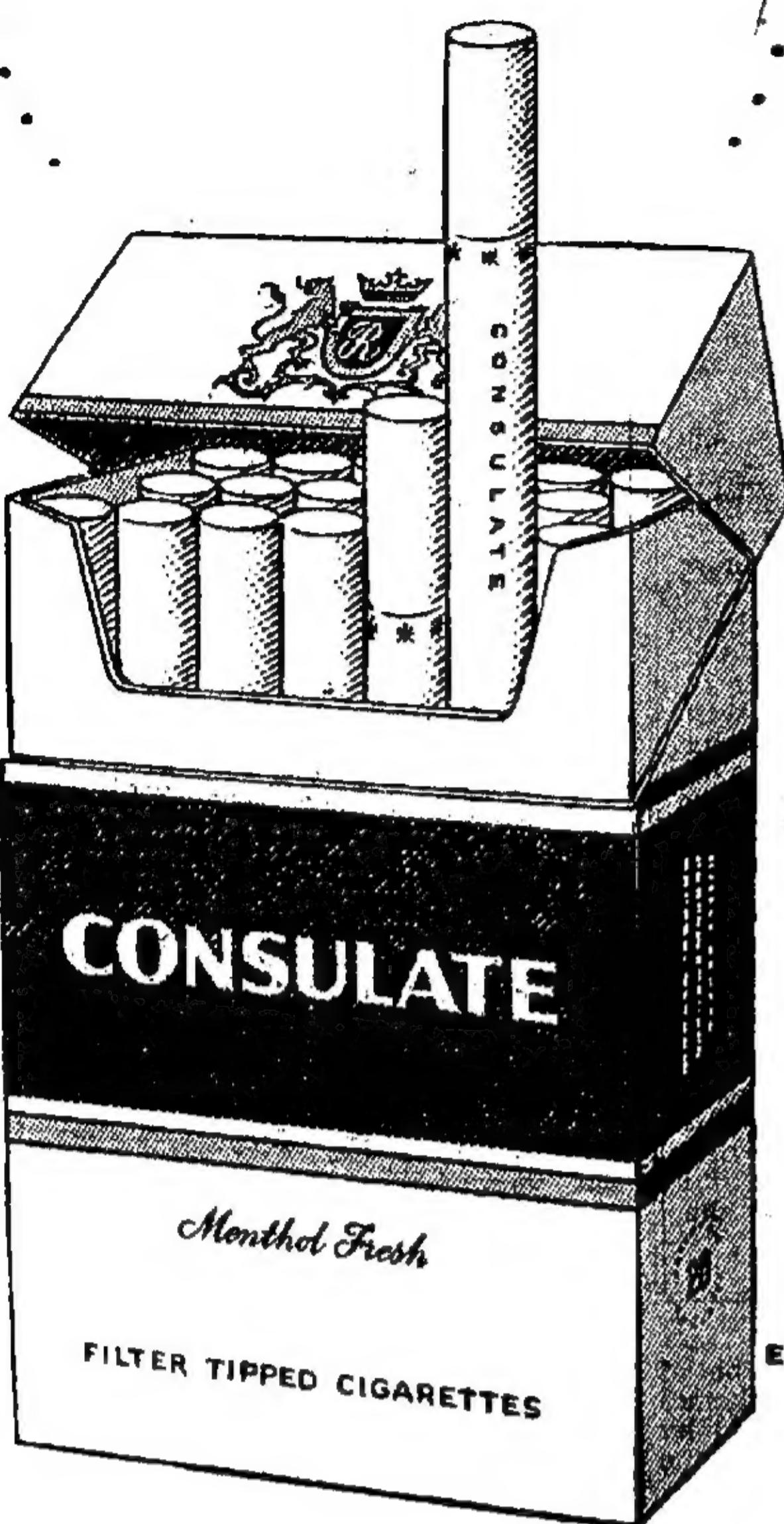
A TUDOR TRAGEDY by Lucy Baldwin Smith (Cape, 25s.).

RING OF BRIGHT WATER by Gavin Maxwell (Longmans, 25s.).

INCREDIBLE JOURNEY by Sheila Burnford (Hodder and Stoughton, 12s.).

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DUMMIES nine of clubs held the first trick and South went after everything that wasn't nailed down.

He cashed dummy's two remaining clubs, and two hearts and led a spade to his queen. West won and led a spade back, whereupon South discarded one of dummy's diamonds and the last low spade on the king of clubs and ace of hearts. The jack of diamonds was led next.

West went up with the ace and led a low diamond back, but South finessed against the queen anyway and made five odd for a score of 660.

The bidding started the same way at the other table, but when North left in the double of the one heart contract East decided to gamble the hand out

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♦J1082		♦65	
SOUTH			
♦KQ			
♦A1073			
♦J106			
♦K874			
North and South vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
Double	1♦	2♦	Double
Pass	Pass	1♦	2.N.T.
Pass	3.N.T.	Pass	Pass
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Opening lead		♦2	

there. He was sure that North and South had a vulnerable game and he hoped to be able to make at least four tricks at one heart.

Actually, he did even better. The king of spades was opened and won by West's ace. A spade return put South in. He led the four of clubs to his partner's ace. North cashed the king and queen of trumps and jack of spades whereupon South wound up losing two clubs, two spades and four trumps for a net minus score of only 300 points.

Statisticians slip up
The announcement that 58,717 people saw the Polar bears at the Zoo during the Whitman holiday has raised a tiny uproar. A Mrs. Rattenwald says, "They counted me, but I did not see the bears. I purposely refrained from looking at them." According to the statisticians, that makes 58,716, excluding the refractory Mrs. Rattenwald.

(London Express Service.)

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner rebids to three diamonds. What do you now?

Answer on Monday



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SATURDAY SPORTS SPOT

The problem of Soccer betting in Hongkong

Hongkong's sporting community will surely welcome both the frank and open approach by the Commissioner of Police to the HKFA on the thorny subject of Soccer betting and the quick promise of co-operative action given by the Association.

Those folks who still have some regard for the wholesome future of the game will applaud the combined efforts of these two influential bodies. Maybe this will be the first important step towards the moment when the evil which has been exerting a stranglehold on Colony football will be killed . . . but no doubt the Police would welcome assistance from whatever quarter it may come.

A little of the wide publicity which has been given to this subject few non-Chinese have very much idea of how the bet-betting plan works or why it should have such an adverse effect on our football.

Some folks have confessed they cannot see why betting in Hongkong should be any different in consequence from soccer betting in the United Kingdom. No doubt they take these views on their knowledge of the British Pools and "Fixed Odds" types of betting. The prevailing attitude seems to be: "If it does no harm in Britain and other countries why should it be so detrimental here?"

Unlike 'Pools'

Superficially that looks a fair question. However, British betting requires the correct forecasting of the results of a group of matches in which winning, drawing and losing are the vital factors and in which the actual number of goals scored is not directly important. The possibility of anyone managing to 'fix' a whole series of games taking place simultaneously over a wide area is pretty remote.

In Hongkong the situation is very different. Here the betting is based on the number of goals scored in a single game... and it must be immediately obvious that the possibilities of 'fixing' or 'making' an arrangement of some kind are infinitely greater.

It has now been openly declared that the efforts of our footballers are being influenced by those in control of the betting rings. Observers who regularly watch the marked inconsistencies in Senior games can hardly be surprised at the allegations now being made against our players, and, whatever the consequences, it seems the time has arrived for the matter to be thrashed out to the bitter end.

Now is the time for those who confess to care about the future of the game to assist the investigators in every way they can.

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No secret

There is nothing secret about the information I have given but knowing what is happening and putting a stop to it is a very different thing. It is no easier in fact than the problem of street-betting which confronted the police in the United Kingdom for so many years.

This is by far the most popular and most prolific method of soccer betting in the Colony at the present time. The top line shows the teams involved, although the full names of the clubs are never used. The left hand column shows the amount in dollars and cents of the basic stakes. Generally these vary from \$1 down to 50 cents — the particular sample goes from \$10 down to 20 cents—and represents the amount which must be staked against a particular score to win \$100.

'Fixing'

The prize for each successful basic stake is always \$100 but a punter may make several bets up to a possible winning dividend of \$1,000 which is the maximum permissible win on a single slip... but of course under a variety of names (always fictitious) a gambler can have as many bets as he likes... or can afford.

The double numbers in the middle are the possible scores on which bets can be made, for example 21 means 2-1 to the favoured team and so on through the list.

An efficient referee of work . . . Lo Bello of Italy sending off Yugoslav centre-forward Galic during the Olympic soccer final in which Denmark beat Yugoslavia 3-1.

It is being alleged that temptation is lavishly dangled in front of unscrupulous players to a degree which no doubt makes it difficult to refuse and if the ball is once taken the player is off along the 'road of no return'.

Those who are willing to work for an end of this situation deserve the fullest backing in their efforts and we shall watch future developments with great interest.

TALE-WAGGER

An interesting situation arises over the three Chinese footballers who recently took part in a practice match with an English League side. One of them is under suspension by the Hongkong Football Association... and I understand the other is still a registered player of a Hongkong club... interesting indeed... to FIFA?

INDONESIANS GIVING LAVER BETTER OFFER THAN KRAMER

Sydney, Nov. 10. A Sydney sports writer claimed today that Indonesia is offering a higher salary for a top-flight tennis coach than U.S. professional-tennis king Jack Kramer is offering Rod Laver to turn professional.

Ernie Christensen, writing under a Brisbane dateline, said Indonesia is seeking a coach at a salary of US\$5,000 a month for 10 months to develop players for the Asian Games to be staged at Djakarta, Indonesia, next August. The coach must spend \$300 monthly in that country.

Christensen said the \$50,000 total for 10 months is more than Kramer has offered Laver to turn professional and play for 20 months.

Indonesia, presently weak in tennis, has selected a squad of 15 players it hopes to develop by the time it plays host for the Asian Games. —UPI

Sports Diary

TODAY
Racing
1st day of Third Race Meeting,
120 pm. Draw for the Kwangtung Handicap Cash Sweep at 11 am.

Cricket
1st Division: RAF/RN, Op-
erators, Secondos v RIC, Saracens v
Recreo, Brigade v Tampliers, CCC v
Garrison.
2nd Division: Garrison v Nomads,
Duke of Cambridge ITC v CCC,
Brigade v Crusaders.

Soccer
1st Division: South China v KMB (CH); Army v Kitchee (Police);
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Glencoe and Scarface

BEST BET OF THE DAY

Race 5: Can Can
Race 4: Longchamp

Indian captain appeals for brighter Test cricket

India's captain, Nari Contractor, made a public appeal to his team for brighter cricket on the eve of the first Test match against England here tomorrow.

At a reception to the players of the two teams, he said: "We have been criticised in the past, some justification, for the type of cricket we play."

"I call on my men to forget the past and to play attractively whatever the result. Like Dexter, I intend to go all out to win, and if that is impossible to avoid defeat, but we must all realise there is no disgrace in losing—only in playing bad cricket."

It is hoped that the 27-year-old Indian captain gets the kind of support he has called for, as for many years Indian cricket has suffered through a lack of enterprise.

Not blameless

England, too, have not been blameless in recent years. But Ted Dexter is doing his best to maintain the new spirit, despite one or two rebuffs from opponents.

Dexter said today that whenever possible he would continue the policy of trying to keep the game alive and bring results, though he realised it was very difficult to do so in matches other than the Tests with only 15 hours against good position on easy pitches.

The superiority shown by the MCC in the drawn match with Bombay, which ended yesterday, must have given

Interport bridge

The Philippines Bridge team are arriving today by plane for the annual Manila-Hongkong Bridge Interport to be played at the Chinese Club today and tomorrow. The match tonight will begin at 8 pm.

England plenty of encouragement for the Test, although, of course, the Indian team will be considerably stronger than the Bombay side.

India have a great deal of bat-

The spinners are likely to form the spearhead of the England attack.

Tony Lock is showing good form, David Allen always accurate, and Bob Barber can be a danger. — China Mail Special.

Pentangular Rugby competition opens today at Kai Tak

By LANCASTRIAN

Today sees the start of the Colony Pentangular Competition, when at Kai Tak at 4.30 pm the RAF will play the Club.

For the benefit of those who have not been in Hongkong for a Rugby season before may I just explain that this is our League, wherein this year five teams, as the name suggests, will play each other twice. Those involved are a team from each of the Services, one from the Police and one from the Hongkong Football Club.

Last year the contest was hexangular as the Army entered two teams, one representing Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, and the other the 48th Gurkha Infantry Brigade. It was won by the Club.

Owing to the HKRFU-HKFC tour which starts this day week, the first fixtures of this year's Pentangular have had to come forward a bit and so have got themselves somewhat isolated from the rest of the programme.

Unknown quantity

As well as the RAF-Club match the Army should have played Police, but this has had to be moved to Wednesday afternoon, November 29. So today's match is very much on its own; the competition gets under way, but then there will not be another fixture for two and a half weeks.

In the Pentangular games the Navy will be represented by members of Her Majesty's ships in port at the time, and of course the ever-faithful HMS Tamar. I understand that the naval fixtures are booked for when there is always some ship or other around (except on two occasions) and so they will be something of an unknown quantity.

This is excellent, for by this time of the season it is too easy in Hongkong to make sweeping statements about who will beat just whom from now till Easter.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Registered Office of the Company, 5th floor, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 27th November, 1961, at 12 noon for the following purposes:

- To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the General Managers and Auditors thereon.
- To elect Members of the Consulting Committee.
- To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 18th November, 1961, to 27th November, 1961, both dates inclusive.

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